

Annual Water District Meeting Checklist

Water district annual meetings must address certain topics. The checklist below will help ensure each water district is addressing the necessary topics during the annual meeting. Please return this completed checklist to the appropriate IDWR regional office along with the adopted budget, resolutions, and annual meeting minutes.

Water District Number and Name:

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Water District 31 - Kilgore, Camas, Beaver

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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

Meeting Date, Time and Location:

March 8, 2023 Clark County Annex Building Dubois 1:00pm

- ☒ Election of meeting chairman and secretary (*chairman facilitates meeting and secretary must record meeting minutes and submit to IDWR within 5 business days following the meeting*)
- ☒ Read and approve previous year annual meeting minutes
- ☒ Watermaster report and presentation of proposed budget
- ☒ Treasurer financial report
- ☒ Adopt budget (*must be submitted to IDWR immediately following the meeting*)
- ☒ Elect watermaster*
- ☒ Elect assistant watermaster(s)* (optional)
- ☒ Elect water district treasurer*
- ☒ Select an advisory committee (optional)
- ☒ Adopt resolutions (*must be submitted to IDWR immediately following the meeting*)
- ☒ Determine next year's meeting date, time and location

Date 03/05/2024 Time 3:00pm Location Clark County Annex Bldg. Dubois ID.

* An oath is required before the first year of service.

By signing below I verify that all required actions have been addressed at the water district annual meeting.

Completed by:

Laurie Small Secretary

Water District Representative / Title

03/17/23

Date

**WATER DISTRICT #31
Dubois, Idaho
CLARK AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, IDAHO
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2023**

The water users of Water District No. 31 met in the Clark County Annex Building, Dubois, Idaho, on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., as provided by Idaho Statutes for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary, electing a Watermaster, adopting the 2023 budget, and any other business that may come before the District.

Those in attendance were Jim Hagenbarth, Keith Shulberg, Marty and Conni Owen (Let It Snow), Larry Singleton, Kay Garner, Farrel Downs (Camas Wildlife Refuge), Steve and Sandy Perchon, Thane Siddoway, Max Siddoway, Dallas Furness (Chairman), Greg Shenton, Watermaster; Brett Murdock, Deputy Watermaster; and Laurie Small, Secretary.

Chairman, Dallas Furness, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Reading and Approval of Previous Year's Minutes
2. Nomination and Election of Chairman and Secretary
3. Appoint Credentials Committee
4. Report of Watermaster and Approval
5. Adoption of Budget
6. Election of Watermaster and Appointment of Deputy
7. Appointment of Advisory Board
8. Adoption of Resolutions
9. IDWR Report
10. Other Business
11. Set Date and Time of Next Year's Annual Meeting
12. Adjournment

MINUTES:

Keith Shulberg made a motion to approve the 2022 minutes with correction made on page 5, in the IDWR report to read 250,000 acre feet. Max Siddoway seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY:

Mr. Furness asked for nomination from the floor for Chairman and Secretary. Farrel Downs moved that Dallas Furness continue as Chairman and Laurie Small as Secretary. Thane Siddoway seconded the motion. Nominations passed.

REPORT OF WATERMASTER:

Watermaster Greg Shenton discussed the Watermaster's Report items as follows.

2022 WATER YEAR

The 2022 water delivery was at 101,695 A.F. up 5759 A.F. from 2021. A total of 16,432 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 85,263 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County. The 2021 water delivery was at 95,936 A.F. for the water district. A total of 10,514 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 85,422 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County.

STREAM FLOWS

Beaver Creek reached Dubois only a couple of times for less than a day. Camas Creek reached Camas Wildlife Refuge intermittently only two times. It was not adequate flow to divert any water. Camas Creek did keep a steady flow to Riverbend Ranch the rest of the irrigation season.

EARLY PUMPING

It was determined that the Mud Lake be filled to six-and-a-half-foot level.

BEAVER

A few beaver issues in the Kilgore area, mostly on East Camas and Ching Creek.

MUD LAKE CONTENT

Watermaster reported on the water levels in Mud Lake May 1, 2022 which was 29,300 A.F., November 1, 2022 which was 9,860 A.F., and March 1, 2023 which was 7,120 A.F.

CAMAS CREEK INFLOW INTO MUD LAKE

For 2021 the inflow was 0 A.F. The 2022 inflow was 0 A.F.

2022 WATER USE OF MAJOR CANAL COMPANIES

Mud Lake Water Users used a total of 62,511 A.F., applying 2.85 A.F. per acre, while the Independent Water Users used 8,809 A.F. applying 2.14 A.F. per acre. 2022 average use in the Mud Lake area 2.74 A.F. per acre. From 1992 to 2022 the average is 2.81 A.F. per acre. The high was in 1992 of 3.31 and the low was in 2009 of 2.26.

SNOW REPORT - MARCH 1, 2023

The Camp Creek measurements show a snow depth of 37.2" with water content at 8.4". Kilgore measurements show a snow depth of 40" with water content at 11.1". Lake View Ridge measurements show snow depth of 40" with water content at 9.5". The Crab Creek measurements show a snow depth of 52" with water content at 13.5". The Camp Creek snow course is at 117% of normal, the Kilgore course is 126% of normal, the Lake View Ridge course is at 114% of normal, the Crab Creek course is at 126%. The average of all 4 sites is 121% of normal.

Cloud seeding was discussed. Marty and Conni Owen with Let it Snow have 25 manual generators and Idaho Power has 25 remote generators. Idaho Power also does aerial applications. Pictures of both types of generators were distributed and reviewed. The manual generators cost \$2500 to \$300.00 to set up compared to the remote generators costing \$50,000.00 with the same effect. There are many studies being done that are showing the progress of the cloud seeding. Cloud seeding hours are up by 300 hrs. compared to 2021. The Owen's said one of their challenges this season are the extreme winds burying the generators in snow. They plan on running the generators through the middle of April.

Jim Hagenbarth mentioned continued efforts are being made to have cloud seeding return in Montana.

2022 BUDGET REVIEW AND 2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL:

Watermaster, Greg Shenton, reviewed the 2022 budget and expenses, explaining the expenditures. The water district's budget is run through the county. The claims that the Watermaster turned in for expenses was questioned and he wanted to make the waterusers aware of it. Tires and maintenance of vehicles is paid for with the mileage funds, Mr. Shenton wanted to make sure that the waterusers were aware and accepting of those uses. The \$3500.00 increase in the budget would help compensate those that help with the collection and distribution of funds. The waterusers suggested keeping a monthly account of spending and have the chairman review and sign off on expenditures for transparency of funds.

The beaver fund has \$2,195.00. The trapper needs to be called by the wateruser for the removal of beaver.

Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	2023 Adopted Budget
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$48,400.00	\$48,440.00
Channel & Legal	\$3500.00	\$3,500.00
Secretary	\$580.00	\$580.00
Office Rent	\$2000.00	\$2000.00
Total	\$55,480.00	\$55,480.00
Watermaster Salary	\$38,410.00	\$38,410.00
Deputy Salary	\$29,110.00	\$29,110.00
Total	\$67,520.00	\$67,520.00
Watermaster Mileage	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Deputy Mileage	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00
2022Budget	\$157,000.00	\$157,000.00
2023 Budget	\$160,500.00	\$160,500.00
Increase	\$3500.00	\$3500.00
2023 Budget	\$160,500.00	\$160,500.00
Less 2022 carry over	\$0	\$0
Amount to be assessed	\$160,500.00	\$160,500.00

APPROVAL OF WATERMASTER'S REPORT & ADOPTION OF BUDGET:

Keith Shulberg made a motion to approve the Watermaster's Report. Thane Siddoway seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Farrel Downs made a motion that Water District 31 pays Clark County \$1500.00 for services rendered. Keith Shulberg seconded. Motion passed.

Farrel Downs made a motion to adopt the proposed budget. Thane Siddoway seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ELECTION OF WATERMASTER AND DEPUTY WATERMASTER:

The Chairman called for nominations from the floor for Watermaster and Deputy Watermaster. Max Siddoway moved to retain Greg Shenton as Watermaster and Brett Murdock as Deputy Watermaster. Thane Siddoway seconded the motion. Nomination passed.

APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD:

The Chairman appointed the following to the Advisory Board: Dallas Furness as Chairman, Jim Hagenbarth, Andy Dobson, Keith Shulldberg, McCoy Ward and Thane Siddoway.

RESOLUTIONS

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the following resolutions.

High Water at Mud Lake

Be it hereby resolved, that the Watermaster be authorized to determine when diversion is needed and to divert any high water. That such water be considered stored in the aquifer, with rights to the water being retained by the district. Diversion of said waters would be by diverting at the Lone Tree Diversion pumping through the diversion canal at the Mud Lake Water Users.

Collection of Water Assessments

Be it hereby resolved, that no ditch, canal co., or other water user shall have the right to demand and receive water, and the Watermaster shall not deliver such water, until full payment is made. Said payment becomes due April 1, and becomes delinquent April 15, and if not paid by April 15, shall bear interest from the date of April 1, until paid at the rate of 8% per annum.

Be it further resolved that government agencies be exempt from the above provisions to the extent necessary for them to comply with payments according to the provisions of Federal law, and that the Watermaster of District 31, be authorized to enter into contract with said agencies of the United States for payment of assessment as provided in the budget.

Mud Lake Water Users

Be it hereby resolved, that any water user that completes the water year with a negative balance on the Mud Lake balance sheet shall have that negative balance carried forward to the April draft column on the balance sheet of the following year, and said negative balance shall be charged to the Mud Lake allotment of said following year, as set forth in part 5, paragraph 4 of the Mud Lake Decree.

District Billings and Collections

Be it hereby resolved that the Clark County Auditor make up a roll of all Water District 31 users to include all of Clark and Jefferson County users. Be it further resolved that the Clark County Treasurer mail out said billings and make collections of all Water District 31 Water Users to include all Jefferson County Water Users in said Water District 31 boundaries.

Be it further resolved that Clark County Clerk make all payments and disbursements owed by Water District 31, which are presented through the proper claims procedures. ~~which are common to other Clark County practices.~~ The Watermaster will send a monthly report of the water districts expenditures to the Chairman for review.

REGARDING OBSTRUCTIONS IN CHANNELS

No dam or other obstruction to the natural flow of Camas Creek or its tributaries shall be maintained so as to divert water from the channel of the stream, except through ditches, canals or other works provided with head gates, control works and measuring devices. Holders of water rights that were previously decreed in *Suave v. Abbott* to divert water from Camas Creek or any of its tributaries, their successors, agents, servants and employees are hereby perpetually enjoined and restrained from maintaining in any stream or slough, or permitting to exist within such stream or slough where the same traverses their respective lands, or any land owned or controlled by them, any obstruction to the flow of water, except in connection with the diversions of water through head gates equipped with measuring devices. In the case any water right holder shall fail to remove any obstruction from the channel of Camas Creek or any of its tributaries within 7 days after receiving notice from the watermaster, who has determined that the obstruction interferes with water delivery, the watermaster may authorize a water user to remove such obstruction in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. The expense thereof shall be the responsibility of the water right holder requesting the removal.

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS:

Farrel Downs made a motion to adopt the resolutions with an addition to the "District Billing and Collection", Watermaster will send a monthly report of the water district's expenditures to the Chairman for review. Keith Shulburg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IDWR REPORT:

No one from IDWR was present to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Hagenbarth spoke about the importance of recognizing the conifer encroachment on the Centennial range and how the forest cover must be removed to show measurable increase of watershed yield.

Mr. Shulberg informed the waterusers of the continuing struggle with the East Idaho Water Rights Coalition. There is not an agreement in place at this time and the previous year's agreement will be followed until an agreement can be made.

MEETING TIME:

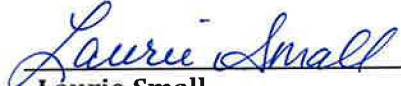
Jim Hagenbarth made the motion to have the next meeting on March 5, 2024 at 3:00 p.m., at the Clark County Annex Building in Dubois, Idaho. Keith Shulberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Hagenbarth moved to adjourn. Keith Shulberg seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

ATTEST:


Dallas Furness
Chairman


Laurie Small
Secretary

ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE

20 23 ANNUAL MEETING

WATER DISTRICT NO. 31)

ANNUAL MEETING

WATER DISTRICT AREA Camas/Beaver Creek

Date 03/08/23 Time 1:00 am/pm (pm)

Location City/County Annex Bldg.

Address 332 W Main St.
Dubois ID. 83423

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
<u>K.iah Shudling</u>	<u>1785 N 1800 E Hamer</u>	<u>Independent</u>
<u>Jim Hagenbach</u>	<u>P.O. Box 1128 Dillon 59425</u>	<u>Kilgore</u>
<u>FARREL Downs</u>	<u>2150 E 2350 N Hamer 83425</u>	<u>CAMAS NWR</u>
<u>Kay R. Garner</u>	<u>2790 S. 35th W. Idaho Falls Id 83402</u>	<u>Camas</u>
<u>Steve & Sandy Perschon</u>	<u>142 N 1200 W Blackfoot</u>	<u>Kilgore</u>
<u>Larry Singleton</u>	<u>266 N 2400 E St. Anthony.</u>	<u>Kilgore</u>
<u>Thane Siddoway</u>	<u>5237 S. 2785 W. Rexburg</u>	<u>Kilgore</u>
<u>MAX Siddoway</u>	<u>2568 E. 100 N. Teton</u>	<u>Kilgore</u>
<u>Greg Shear</u>		<u>WD 31</u>
<u>Dallas Turner</u>	<u>P.O. 58 Teton Falls</u>	<u>Wood Lake</u>
<u>Connie Owen</u>	<u>P.O. 53 Dubois</u>	<u>LIS/SELF</u>
<u>Mary Owen</u>	<u>P.O. Box 57 Dubois ID</u>	<u>LIS/SELF</u>
<u>Beth M. Moxley</u>		<u>WD 31</u>